and agreements with various international trading companies including those from Europe for import of goods from abroad and export of Indian goods.

It will not be incommercial interest of the Corporation to disclose details in this regard.

External debt

778. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE bleased to state:

(a) what is India's latest external debt position;

(b) whether in view of India's sluggish export growth Government are capable of servicing the external debt; and

(c) what steps are being taken to increase the growth rate of the country's exports and to imrove the balance of payments position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The estimated external indebtedness of the country as on 31-3-1986 works out to Rs. 26718.42 crores in respect of Government loans, Rs. 751.49 crores in respect of non-Government loans. Further approvals of external commercial borrowings and suppliers credit from 1980-81 to 1985-86 amounting to Rs. 8841 crores have been given However the external debt on this account will be spread over a number of years in future as and when loans are actually drawn/utilised. In addition India has outstanding repurchase obligations of Rs. 5248 crores on drawings made under the facilities of the IMF.

(b) Government have been following a cautious policy of external borrowigns. The overall external debt position at the moment is within prudent limits. The levels of country's indebtedness and the likely burden of debt servicing are being constantly kept in review to ensure that they remain within manageable limits. The Indian economy has the capacity to cope with the present level of external debt.

(c) The Government have taken a number of measures to strengthen export performance in the short and medium term. These include liberalisation and simplification of duty free import for export production, the announcement of a three year import-export policy, incentives for export production, the substantial enhancement in tax concessions for exports, liberalised preshipment credit facilities for export etc. Steps have also been taken to ensure efficient import constitution. A Cabinet Committee on exports headed by the Prime Minister has been set up to deal with all policy matters and other problems of export. Similarly, a Committee of Secretaries has been constituted with Cabinet Secretary as the Chairman.

Agreement between India and France for the transfer of Super Technology to India

779. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement has been reached with the Government of France for the transfer of Super Technology to India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Show cause notices issued under Employment Exchanges (Compulsory Notification of Vacancies Act, 1959)

780. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employers in public and private sectors who were served with show cause notices during the years 1984-85 and 1985-86, State-wise, for breach of provisions of the Employment Exchanges (Compulsory Notification of Vacancies) Act, 1959; and

(b) what measures have been taken to enforce the provisions of the said Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The Statement showing number of show cause notices issued to public and private sector employers under the Employment Exchanges (Compulsory Notification of Vacancies) Act, 1959 is annexed. (*See* below).

(b) Enforcement of the Act is the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Some of them, have set up separate enforcement machinery for this purpose. In general, compliance to the provisions of the Act is done through measures, such as, publicity about the provisions of the Act, personal contacts with the employers, inspection of the records of the employers, issuance of show cause notices and launching of prosecution action, where necessary. The approach, however, continues to be one of persuation in preference to coersion.

Statement

Number of Show Cause Notices issued to Public and Private Sector Employers during the years 1984-85 *and* 1985-86 *under the Employment Exchanges (Compulsory Notification of Vacancies) Act, 1959*

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	1984-85	1985-86
1	Andhra Pradesh	4759	3117
2	Assam	22	29
3	Bihar	211 (April to Dec., 84)	N.A.
4	Gujarat	1258	1160
5	Haryana	11	13
6	Himachal Pradesh	1	1
7	Jammu & Kashmir	N.A.	N.A.
8	Karnataka	1388	860
			(April to June, 85)
9	Kerala	62	79
10	Madhya Pradesh	8536	6447
11	Maharashtra	847	407
12	Manipur	Nil	Nil
13	Meghalaya	Nil	Nil
14	Nagaland	N.A.	N.A.
15	Orissa	317	119

Sl. No	State/Union Territory	1984-85	1985-86
16	Punjab	1103	N.A.
17	Rajasthan	648	680 (April to Dec. 85)
*18	Sikkim	..	..
19	Tamil Nadu	Nil	Nil
20	Tripura	N.A.	N.A.
21	Uttar Pradesh	658	457 (April to Dec. 85)
22	West Bengal	N.A.	N.A.
23	Arunachal Pradesh	Nil	Nil
24	Chandigarh	55	36
25	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	N.A.	N.A.
26	Delhi	67	35
27	Goa, Daman & Diu	Nil	Nil
28	Lakshadweep	Nil	Nil
29	Mizoram	Nil	3
30	Pondicherry	Nil	N.A.

*The Act has not been extended to Sikkim.
N.A.:—Information not available.

Attack on a Minister of Punjab by extremists in Canada

781. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken up with the Government of Canada the matter relating to the murderous attack on Shri Malkiat Sing Sidhu, a Minister of Punjab by the extremists, during his visit to that country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. All possible assistance was given to ensure speedy medical attention to Shri Malkiat Singh Sidhu. The asailants who are canadian citizens have been arrested and they are being prosecuted under Canadian law. The Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada expressed regret and shock over the incident to their counterparts in India.

Snap budget in November-December Session

782. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal